

--This application is a divisional patent application of United States Application Serial No. 09/709,781, filed November 3, 2000, which is a divisional of United States Application Serial No. 09/104,297, filed June 24, 1998, which non-provisional applications as well as this application claim the benefit of United States Provisional Applications Serial No. 60/050,762 filed, June 25, 1997, and Serial No. 60/059,499, filed September 22, 1997.--

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace Page 17, lines 23-26 with the following amended paragraph:

--Read DHCPDB() is the workhorse of GENIP, handling the setup and execution of DHCPCMD as well as reading the resultant output therefrom, reading the same into the “current” database, comparing with the “previous” database, and then writing a new “output” database for the clients.--

Please replace Page 27, lines 21-30 with the following amended paragraph:

--Each source-like capability has a complementing sink-like capability that is compatible with it. For example, the outputting video capability of one home device is complemented by the